

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

**IN RE: ASBESTOS PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION**

MDL DOCKET NO. 875

**GRADY O. HUMPHREYS, et al., vs.
A.O. SMITH ELECTRICAL
PRODUCTS COMPANY, et al.**

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

GRADY O. HUMPHREYS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

**CIVIL ACTION NO.
2:07-CV-607-WKW**

**ASBESTOS DEFENDANTS:
A. O. SMITH ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS
COMPANY, a division of A.O. SMITH
CORPORATION, et al.,**

Defendants.

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**JOINDER AND ADOPTION IN RAPID AMERICAN CORPORATION'S MOTION TO
DISMISS, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION TO SEVER AND
FOR MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT**

COME NOW Defendants Union Carbide Corporation, Foseco, Inc., Maremont Corporation and Bayer Cropscience, Inc. F/K/A Aventis Cropscience USA, Inc. (F/K/A Rhone Poulenc Ag Company, Inc. F/K/A Rhone Poulenc, Inc., F/K/A Union Carbide Agricultural Products, Inc. F/K/A Amchem Products, Inc., A Successor To Benjamin Foster Company) and hereby join in and adopt as though fully set forth Rapid American's Motion to Dismiss, or in the Alternative, Motion to Sever and For More Definite Statement filed herein on February 6, 2008.

WHEREFORE, for all the arguments, citations to authority and for all other grounds the court deems applicable, Defendants Union Carbide Corporation, Foseco, Inc., Maremont Corporation and Bayer Cropscience, Inc. F/K/A Aventis Cropscience USA, Inc. (F/K/A Rhone Poulenc Ag Company, Inc. F/K/A Rhone Poulenc, Inc., F/K/A Union Carbide Agricultural Products, Inc. F/K/A Amchem Products, Inc., A Successor To Benjamin Foster Company) respectfully request this Honorable Court to grant Rapid American's Motion to Dismiss, or in the Alternative, Motion to Sever and For More Definite Statement filed herein and to further grant all additional relief this Honorable Court deems necessary and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of March, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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